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1. EMBASSY FULLY CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT'S POSITION FAVORING RATIFICATION OF PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION. FROM OUR STAND-POINT, RATIFICATION WOULD REMOVE LONG-STANDING SOURCE OF TURKISH IRRITATION AND SENSE OF INJUSTICE IN OVERALL DRUG CONTROL PICTURE AND WOULD ELIMINATE ONE TURKISH ARGUMENT AGAINST MAINTAINING PRESENT OPIUM POPPY BAN, PARTICULARLY AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. IT COULD ALSO HELP SIGNIFICANTLY IN OBTAINING TURKISH RATIFICATION OF THE 1972 AMENDING PROTOCOL TO SINGLE CONVENTION.

2. HOWEVER, US FAILURE TO RATIFY PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION HAS NOT BEEN A NOTICEABLE FACTOR EITHER IN DOMESTIC TURKISH CAMPAIGN AGAINST BAN OR IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON THE ISSUE (ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN INFERENCES THAT US SYNT STIC DRUG INDUSTRY IS PROFITING FROM TURKEY'S BAN).

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WE ARE EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL, THEREFORE, THAT US RATIFICATION AT

THIS TIME WOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN TIPPING BALANCE IN OUR FAVOR ON POPPY BAN ISSUE. RATHER, TURKS WOULD LIKELY VIEW IT SIMPLY AS LONG OVERDUE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF US RESPONSIBILITY IN DRUG CONTROL FIELD.

3. IF, DESPITE THESE RESERVATIONS, DEPARTMENT DECIDES TO UTILIZE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER TURKISH POPPY BAN AS ARGUMENT IN FAVOR RATIFICATION, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT CAUTION SUPPORTERS AGAINST OVERESTIMATING RATIFICATION'S POTENTIAL FOR PERSUADING TURKS TO MAINTAIN BAN. WHILE IT WOULD BE POSITIVE FACTOR IN OUR LONG-TERM RELATIONS REGARDING DRUG CONTROL AND WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO TURKS OUR DETERMINATION TO DO WHAT WE CAN AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT AFFECT SIGNIFICANTLY THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF OUR CURRENT DEBATE WITH THE TURKS. IN SHORT, RATIFICATION WOULD BE MINOR PLUS TO OUR EFFORTS HERE, BUT WE ARE LEARY ABOUT BUILDING UP FALSE HOPES IN CONGRESS.
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